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6_25_13 Minutes

Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
Approved

The Park and Recreation Commission came to order at 7:05 PM on the first floor of the Arlington Senior Center on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Members in attendance included: Leslie Mayer, Shirley Canniff, Don Vitters, and Jen Rothenberg. Also in attendance was Director of Recreation Joseph Connelly. Jim Robillard was not in attendance.

Members from the public included Johnny Trepler, Ray Daley and Tricia Flanagan.

Approval of Minutes

It was agreed that the Minutes of June 11, 2013 will be tabled until the next meeting.

Open Forum – Public Comments

No public comments.

Celtic FC Field Discussion

Johnny Trepler, Ray Daley and Tricia Flanagan were present. They represent a U10 boy's travel soccer team. They are requesting a field two nights a week after 5:30 PM during the spring and fall season. They feel the Arlington Soccer Club has a monopoly on the fields and that they are not using all of them as illustrated on the schedule. Mr. Connelly stated that the spring is very difficult to schedule and not much is available on paper. Mr. Connelly said there would be no problem finding fields in the Fall. The Commission discussed inviting the Arlington Soccer Club to come in the Fall to a field meeting for further discussion. Mr. Connelly will look also look into the League Athletic Software to assist with some of the scheduling issues.

Capital Improvement Update

Florence Avenue Playground – On Schedule to start July 8, 2013.

Buck Field Renovation – The safety nets have been installed.

Summer Street Field Safety Netting – Ms. Caniff stated that she was disappointed in the height of Summer Street field netting. The netting is great for line drives, but not great for high foul balls. Mr. Connelly stated that after the pilot the height of the netting can be evaluated.

Capital Request for FY 2014 – ADA Study, Hibbert and North Union Spray Pool will be discussed in September. Mr. Connelly

has done some preliminary research on the ADA study and there is not much out there. Mr. Connelly has reached out to Jack Jones of the Disabilities Commission to see what he would like to get from the study as well as any information he had on state standards.

Maintenance Fund Discussions

Mr. Connelly met with the Town Manager and discussed setting up Maintenance Funds for the Rink, Recreation and Reservoir. The Town Manager agreed to move forward, however, not until the November budgeting season.

Ms. Mayer shared a survey that was done on the Reservoir a few years ago. Ms. Mayer will put together a draft survey to get public input from the Commission. Ms. Canniff suggested getting more picnic tables for the upper parking lot area and moving the dumpster closer into the corner.

Off-Leash Dog Review

The Thorndike OLRA age restriction issue will be put on the July 9, 2013 meeting agenda.

Special Requests

There were no special requests.

Rink and Recreation Update

Recreation – The After School Kid Care Program has had overwhelming success. The program made approximately \$50,000 in revenue. In the Fall, there will be a Kid Care Fun School program for preschool age student.

Other Business

Mr. Connelly met with the DPW in regards to trash and recycling and agreed to put in some recycling bins. Mr. Connelly will pass along more information as time goes on.

Ms. Canniff motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Joseph Connelly, Director of Recreation